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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Postoffice Appropriation bill was discussed yesterday in the House; Mr. Pou, of North Carolina, discussed the trust question. —— The Senate passed the bill for the creation of a general staff of the army; it had already passed the House. —— Copper has been discovered near Asheville, N. C., and large mining enterprises are projected. —— Schooner Minnehaha with coal from Charleston, S. C., sprung a leak and sank in the bay at Georgetown, S. C. —— The allies rejected Mr. Bowen's proposition. —— The Southern and the Pennsylvania are said to be competitors for lease of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad. —— Fire at the U. S. assay office in New York city caused considerable damage. —— Private agents of Germany are trying to purchase a Chilian battleship and armored cruiser. —— The administration is deeply concerned at the delay in ratifying the Panama canal treaty. —— Gen. Gordon, commanding U. C. V., announces that the next reunion will be held in New Orleans, May 19th to 22nd, 1903. —— Eight deaths from plague yesterday at Mazatlan. —— C. B. Allison, an electrical contractor, Pittsburg, Pa., was called to his door and shot by some unknown person. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call steady, all loans 3 per cent; cotton steady at 9.05c.; flour was dull; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 80½c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 59c.; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 43c; rosin firm; spirits turpentine firm at 61½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 31.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 34 degrees; 8 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum, 59 degrees; minimum, 34 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00.; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.43 inches.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Friday, 8 3 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—For North Carolina: Fair Sunday and Monday, light to fresh southwest to south winds.

Port Almanac—February 1.

Sun Rises	7.01 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.27 P. M.
Day's Length	10.11. 26 M.
High Water at Southport	10.31 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	12.51 A. M.

Mr. Quay seems to hold the quay to the Statehood situation. He has certainly a deadlock on the Senate.

The latest reported discovery in Virginia is a well of corn whiskey in Pittsylvania county. Well, well.

The New York *Sun* daily throws its rays on the "trust busters" and shows a disposition to make it warm for them.

Alabama is coming to the front as an iron producer, now ranking fourth among the States, her production last year being 1,472,211 tons.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to increase the President's salary to $100,000. There is scramable enough for that office with the present salary.

The New York Athletic Club has a high priced pitcher, and not one of the antiques, either. He is its base ball pitcher, who receives a a salary of $8,000 a year.

There is little, in fact, no probability of any anti-trust legislation by this Congress. The Republican leaders think that is a good thing to keep in soak to fool voters with.

There is at least one man in Chicago who appreciates honesty and encourages it. He lost a wallet containing $3,500 and he rewarded the poor man who found and returned it to him with a profusion of thanks and a whole dime and a nickel.

A Texas negro has sued a white man for $40,000 for driving him out of town. Will he have the nerve to go back to attend the trial of the case?—*Washington Post.*

Oh! yes. He will carry Afro-American lawyer Hayes along, with sword and torch, and they'll have a hot time both "before and after."

The Washington *Post* reminds firebrand Hayes and other colored chaps with grievances, that if they feel that they are not properly appreciated in the South there is any amount of room for them in the Northern States, which can be reached in a few hours by rail.

John W. Hayes is an "educated" negro. He is now engaged in an attempt to overthrow the constitutional amendment in Virginia, and advises the negroes of the South to fight for their "rights" with sword and torch. How much of the money paid for his education was contributed by his race?

THE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.

Interesting and Highly Profitable Session Yesterday—Life and Character of Calvin S. Wiley by Prof. Connor.

The New Hanover County Teachers' Association yesterday morning held a most interesting and profitable regular, monthly meeting in the Cape Fear Academy building, just south of the Court House. Prof. Washington Catlett, the president, presided; Secretary J. P. Herring was at his post and there was a splendid attendance of teachers.

The chief feature of the exercises was the reading of a valuable historical paper, "The Life of Calvin S. Wiley," by Prof. R. D. W. Connor, principal of the Wilmington High School. The subject of Prof. Connor's sketch was the founder of the public school system in North Carolina and the life of that great pioneer was faithfully portrayed. The writer appealed to the teachers of the State to erect a monument to Wiley's memory.

"Writing" was the subject of a very interesting paper by Prof. F. W. Thorne, and it was treated in a most happy vein.

Prof. M. Bowen read a splendid plea for the attachment of more importance to literature in the public schools.

The usual interchange of views and suggestions by the teachers was indulged in and the January meeting of the Association may well be said to have been the best in the history of the organization. In addition to the regular programme Prof. Catlett made an interesting talk on industrial training in the public schools.

Miss Morton, in behalf of Miss Brigham, of Boston, offered the country schools a circulating library, which was accepted with many thanks.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The river steamer *Highlander* is tied up here for a thorough overhauling.

— License was issued during the past month for the marriage of 13 white and 11 colored couples.

— Eyota Tribe No. 5, I. O. R. M. will scalp several pale faces at the building of the council fires to-morrow night.

— The steamer *City of Fayetteville* arrived in port yesterday and will clear this afternoon, returning to Fayetteville.

— British barque *Nellie Troop*, hence for New York to be overhauled, passed out at Southport at 10.30 A. M. yesterday.

— Spirits turpentine went to 62 cents per gallon on the local market yesterday. Savannah bid 62 cents with no sales.

— British schooner *Foster Rice* cleared yesterday with cargo of lumber consigned by the Kidder Lumber Co., to St. Kitt's, B. W. I.

— British steamer *Garland* is expected here Feb. 7th for a cargo of gum timber from the Acme Tea Chest Co., Mr. Will L. Miller, manager.

— Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., will hold an emergent convocation to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock for work in the Mark Master degree.

— A boy who has had some experience in feeding job presses may secure a situation by making immediate application at the STAR office.

— A bazaar for the benefit of St. Thomas' church will be held Wednesday evening in Hibernian Hall. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10 and 25 cents.

— License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Thomas J. Tart, of Harnett township, and Miss Lucy G. Heath, daughter of Mr. A. K. Heath, of Harnett township.

— Savannah *News*: "General Counsel W. G. Elliott of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has moved his headquarters from Wilmington, N. C., to room 618, Continental Trust building, Baltimore, Md."

— By deed filed for record yesterday William Sheehan and wife transferred to Jno. T. Burnett and wife for $375, house and lot on south side of Gwinn, between Eighth and Ninth streets, 33x95 feet in size.

— Capt. Chas. Wessel will begin work this week on a new tug boat which he will put into commission on the Cape Fear. He has just returned from a visit to Charleston, St. Augustine and other Southern ports.

— Special musical features at the First Baptist church to-night will be a vocal solo by Mrs. J. D. Edwards and a violin solo by Mr. Kimbrough Jones. These will be in addition to music by the regular quartette.

— Rev. Dr. Seth Ward, of Nashville, Tenn., Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, will preach at Fifth street church this morning and at Grace church to-night. Dr. Ward is a guest of Rev. J. N. Cole while in the city.

— Miss Darby, postmaster, at Wilmington, announces that beginning to-day the Seaboard Air Line train leaving Wilmington at 8 p. m. and arriving in the early morning will carry mail in pouches. Instructions to this effect were received from the Post Office Department yesterday.

— "Dandy" Johnson, colored, and Gus Lind, white, were arrested yesterday by Capt. of Police Williams, charged with driving across hose that was laid for the fire on Nutt street. The complaint was made by Chief Schnibben, of the Fire Department.

— Dr. W. C. Galloway has been called to Goldsboro on professional business.

HUTAFF GETS 4,000.

Plaintiff in Damage Suit in Superior Court Secured a Compromise Verdict.

AFTER A WEEK'S TRIAL.

Costs of the Action to Be Paid by Complainant With Small Exception—Penny Vs. Railroad Will Begin Tuesday Morning—Jurors

According to the terms of an agreement reached by counsel on both sides, the jury in the Superior Court, which had in hearing the Hutaff damage suit, yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock returned a verdict, by instruction, awarding the plaintiff $4,000 against the Wilmington Sewerage Company. Out of that amount the plaintiff Hutaff is to pay all the costs in the case, with the exception of three of the witnesses who came from Philadelphia, and each party to the suit is to pay its own counsel fees.

The compromise was reached after a long conference of all the attorneys in the case yesterday morning. When court convened, counsel for the defendant asked Judge Peebles for further time for a consultation which had already commenced and the same was granted. The attorneys then retired to the judge's room in the Court House and came out an hour and a half later, saying that it had been decided to settle the case in the manner stated above. Judge Peebles then instructed the jury to bring in a verdict according to the terms of the agreement, which it did and was discharged for the term, no other cases having been entered upon during the day. The judgment of the court in the case was as follows:

New Hanover County—In the Superior Court. Geo. H. Hutaff, plaintiff, vs. The Wilmington Sewerage Company, defendant.

At a Superior Court, held at the Court House in Wilmington, on the 26th day of January, 1903, present Hon. R. B. Peebles, judge, this action having been brought on for hearing and a jury having been sworn and empanelled to try the following issues, to wit:

1. Was the plaintiff injured by the negligence of the defendant?
2. Did the plaintiff contribute to his injury by his own negligence?
3. What damage has the plaintiff sustained, if any?

And the jury having answered the first issue "yes;" the second issue "no," and the third issue $4,000.

It is now, on motion of Russell & Gore, H. McClammy and Bellamy & Bellamy, counsel for the plaintiff, adjudged that the plaintiff recover from the defendant the sum of $4,000.

It is by consent of both counsel for the plaintiff and the defendant, further ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the plaintiff pay the costs of this action except the witness fees of Chauncey Ives, William McLean and the witness Gamble.

It is adjudged that Dr. T. S. Burbank be allowed $10 as expert fees in lieu of witness fees.

B. B. PEEBLES, Judge Presiding.

It is learned unofficially that the net amount received by the plaintiff will be $3,000. The remaining $3,000 will go toward paying the bill of costs, amounting to about $200, and attorneys' fees, amounting to $1,800. The case had been in hearing for nearly a week and was one of the most stubbornly fought actions in the history of the county. For the plaintiff Messrs. Herbert McClammy, Bellamy & Bellamy and Russell & Gore were employed as counsel, and ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington, and Mr. J. H. McNeal, of Philadelphia, were attorneys for the Sewerage Company. The contentions of both sides are too well known to readers of these columns to need repetition here.

The second week of the term will begin to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock and will likely be engaged for the most part with another big damage suit—that of B. F. Penny against the W., C. & A. Railroad Company, in which the plaintiff sues for $30,000 damages for injuries received Sept. 28th, 1898, in being shot by a negro passenger ejected from a train of the defendant company at Leland, Brunswick county, N. C. Two years ago a jury awarded the plaintiff $6,000, but Judge Hoke set the verdict aside. More recently the case was again heard and a mistrial resulted. A third trial of the issues will be entered upon Tuesday.

The following are the regular jurors summoned for second week of the term: J. T. Burke, J. W. Batson, J. A. Huske, Jno. W. English, J. Alves Walker, W. L. Vann, Geo. W. Tucker, J. F. Staniland, D. W. Trask, R. B. Moore, C. L. Taylor, J. V. Fore, A. E. Cook, W. H. Dock, D. F. Klein, McL. Bell, R. S. Pridgen and I. W. Cooper.

Elks' Minstrel in Newbern.

Prof. C. W. Hollowbush expects to leave to-day for Newbern to direct an Elks' Minstrel performance that is being arranged by the lodge of that city for next Friday night. Prof. Hollowbush directed the performance which was given by the Wilmington Elks with such signal success night before last.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. F. Parker—Overstocked.
A. C. L.—Round-trip tickets.
People's Savings Bank—Money.
Solomon's Shoe Store—Shoe $5 to $6.
G. O. Gaylord—To close Monday.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

A Bazaar—At Hibernian Hall.
Portraits—Finished for agents.
Wanted—Circular distributers.
United Charities Asso'n—Meeting.

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Very Little Accomplished Yesterday—Senator Overman Is Commissioned. Drunkenness Not Misdemeanor.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—Gov. Aycock today issued to Hon. Lee S. Overman his commission as United States Senator. The Governor signed it with a special gold pen which Private Secretary P. M. Pearsall presented to Mrs. Overman. Senator Overman left for his home at Salisbury this afternoon.

Gov. Aycock and his staff left this afternoon on a special car for Southern Pines, where they will be guests of the Carolina Hotel for several days.

Little work of public interest was done in either branch of the General Assembly to-day, owing to the absence of many members, who obtained leaves of absence as soon as the Senatorial fight was over.

In the Senate, Beasley introduced a bill creating a Historical Commission of five members, to be appointed by the Governor, to serve without pay and spend $500 per year in gathering and putting in permanent form State historical data.

Many petitions on the liquor question were introduced.

Among the bills passed were those to allow Greensboro to amend its charter, issue bonds and use certain funds for water works improvement.

A joint resolution was introduced to appoint three members to inspect the insane asylum.

The bill to make drunkenness a misdemeanor was discussed an hour but failed to pass, receiving only six votes. In discussing it, Welborn, of Ashe county, declared he was kept awake at night in his, a prohibition county, by rowdies and venders of illicit whiskeys. Since prohibition was established, nineteen serious fights and two murders had occurred in his section, traceable to whiskey. He wanted drunkenness a misdemeanor to cast this away.

The Senate failed to pass the bill appropriating $2,500 to renovate and recarpet the Senate chamber and Hall of Representatives.

Only a few local bills were introduced in the House. The anti-cannon cracker and toy pistol bill was made the special order for next Wednesday.

Bills amending charters of insurance companies in Greensboro were referred to the Insurance Committee.

A bill to allow the Faxaway Company to sell wines and liquors to guests in Jackson and Transylvania counties was made the special order for Tuesday.

RED HEADED MAN BEWARE.

Mayor Received an Unusual Request in His Mail Last Week.

Red-headed man, if you live on a corner, take heed! If you live midway the block—then this is the funeral of another. Likewise, if nature has endowed you with other than an auburn covering for your brain-box, you may even live on a corner and still be exempt. In other words, this is strictly the story of a red-headed man who lives on a corner. And here it is, plain, unvarnished.

Last week—it is unnecessary to be exact as to dates—the Mayor received the following card:

"On the corner of —— streets there is a red-headed man that has for four Sundays in succession took his bath in front of a window without a curtain or closing the blinds, which makes it very annoying to the folks of the neighborhood. Will you be kind enough to have it stopped and greatly oblige one in the neighborhood."

Moral—Pull down the curtain.

LADIES' GOLF TOURNAMENT.

Second in Series of Contests Won Yesterday by Miss Calder.

The second match in the handicap tournament for ladies on the Cape Fear Golf links was won, after a spirited contest yesterday afternoon, by Miss Mary Calder. The winner and Mrs. E. C. Holt tied for first place with a net score of 48, but in the play-off Miss Calder won in a net score of 53 to 56. Mrs. C. W. Bidgood came second with a gross score of 55, handicap 6; net 49. The contest was over six holes and was watched by a large number of spectators.

The other players were as follows: Mrs. Hugh MacRae, Mrs. Northrop, Mrs. J. V. Grainger, Mrs. Chas. McMillen, Mrs. R. D. W. Connor, Mrs. Walter Smallbones, Miss Alice Boatwright, Miss Bettie DeRosset, Miss Rankin and Miss Dozier.

The first of the series for the cup was won by Miss Alice Boatwright.

Fire Yesterday Afternoon.

Early yesterday afternoon the Fire Department responded to an alarm from box 14, Nutt and Brunswick streets, where a spark from an engine had set fire to a pile of telephone poles which had been treated with creosote. Dense volumes of smoke poured up from the valley back of the railroad shops and it was thought a serious conflagration was in progress. Hose Company No. 3 was quickly on the scene and extinguished the flames after only slight damage. The poles belonged to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Fayetteville's City Bonds.

Fayetteville *Observer*, 31st: "The Finance Committee of Fayetteville today accepted the bid of F. L. Fuller & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, for the refunding of the $13,500 Fayetteville and Florence bonds. There were eight bids in all. That of Fuller & Co. is at par, and with accrued interest from date, February 1st, to time of delivery, and a premium of $933.35. This is equal to the bonds bringing $106 92. The next highest bidder was at par, with accrued interest and a premium of $767 88. The old bonds expire February 1st, and the new ones are from that date, and to run 30 years."

SAD DEATH OF O. R. McLEOD.

Medical Student Who Was Poisoned at Davidson—His Remains Taken to Robeson County Yesterday.

Speaking of the death of young Mr. McLeod, the medical student whose death at Davidson from a most extraordinary cause was told of in yesterday's telegraphic columns of the STAR, the Charlotte *Observer* says:

O. R. McLeod, of Robeson county, the medical student at Davidson, who has been suffering from septicæmia or blood poisoning for a fortnight, died yesterday morning at 8:05 o'clock. The immediate cause of his death was asphyxia, due to multiple abscesses in the lungs.

The final decline in McLeod's condition began 24 hours prior to his death, when he had great difficulty in respiration, due to the abscess in the lungs and fluid in the pericardian cavity. It was only in the last few hours of his life that he lost consciousness. For two weeks the superb young frame had battled with the ravages of the disease, and though the temperature was always high and sometimes reached 106 and 107, the mind remained strangely unclouded. At the last, however, he became delirious, and with the instinct of a born fighter he spoke again and again of his battles on the football field.

With McLeod at the end were his mother, his best friend, Mr. J. A. Brewin, and a few others.

The body was taken yesterday morning to lecture room No. 1, which was draped in college colors. On the casket were many beautiful flowers, the testimonial of the members of the football team and of McLeod's fellow medical students. The body remained in the lecture room until 4 o'clock when it was taken to the Presbyterian church, where a short service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. T. Graham. The church was filled with sympathizing people, who for many days have shown chief interest in the condition of the unfortunate young man and whose concern was based upon genuin affection.

The remains were brought to Charlotte last evening and carried to the undertaking establishment of J. M. Harry & Co. To-day they will be carried to McLeod's home, at McDonald's, in Robeson county, and interred after a service in the Presbyterian church at McDonald's. Those accompanying the body are Mrs. Sarah McLeod, the mother; Mr. A. J. McLeod, an uncle; Rev. William Black, of Davidson; Robert Johnston, representing the football team; T. J. Kell, of the senior class; J. A. Brewin and Morrison Caldwell, representing the junior class, of which McLeod was a member, and F. Faust, of the freshman class. Dr. J. P. Munroe, president of the North Carolina Medical College, and his niece, Miss Annie Belle Munroe, accompanied the body as far as Charlotte.

In the Municipal Court.

In the municipal court yesterday Mayor Waddell made the "punishment fit the crime" of five young negroes who created a general disturbance Friday night at W. H. T. Brown's cook shop on Seventh, between Nun and Church streets. Wortham McKay was reprimanded for being in bad company and discharged; Filbert Lee was required to pay $5, including costs in his case; Jno. H. Phifer was commissioned to do road duty for 30 days; Ellerby Barnes was fined $5, and John Owens, charged with an assault, was sent out to the roads for 30 days. Other cases tried yesterday were: Ed. Spencer, drunk and disorderly, costs; Frank Register, default of fine, 10 days on roads.

Western Union Officials Here.

General Superintendent B. Brooks, Division Superintendent J. B. Tree, General Counsel W. H. Fearons, Superintendent of Construction C. H. Bristo, Inspector Leivn and several other officials of the Western Union Telegram Company, arrived in the city on a tour of inspection Friday evening. They travelled in private car "Electric" and came directly from New York, via Raleigh and Goldsboro. They left yesterday afternoon for Columbia, S. C., and Savannah, Ga., after making a thorough inspection of the Company's interests here, which are in charge of Mr. John Frank.

Cape Fear River Steamers.

Fayetteville *Observer*, 31st: "Mr. T. D. Love, of Wilmington, agent of the Merchants & Farmers Steamboat Company, and Col. W. S. Cook, manager of the Cape Fear & Peoples Transportation Company, met in this city this morning and effected arrangements for the joint management of these two lines and the Fayetteville and Wilmington Steamboat Company, of which Mr. A. A. Lisman, of Lisman, Lorge & Company, of New York, is president. Col. Cook and Mr. Love have been made the joint managers of the several interests."

THE LIBRARY EXTENSION MOVEMENT.

Among the many good works undertaken by women's clubs all over the country, including our own State, is that of circulating books and magazines among the people in the rural districts and wherever is found a dearth of literature. The members of Sorosis are requested to meet in the club room, South Fifth street, on Monday, Feb. 2nd, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of hearing a talk on this subject by Miss Brigham, of Boston, so that the club will be fully informed of the best methods of pursuing this good work.

Sorosis will, also, be very glad to welcome at this meeting any friends, not members of the club, who are interested on the subject.

New Departure.

The Fishblate Clothing Company announce that Strouse Bros., the high art clothiers, will have their cutter here on Wednesday, February 4th, to take measures. If you are not ready to select your suit, you can have your measure taken and select goods later. They will save you at least $10.00 on a suit. Best trimmings, perfect fit, up to date, otherwise you don't take the suit.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report of Chief Charles Schnibben Was Completed Yesterday Afternoon.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Fifth Year Since Paid Organization Has Been in Service—Property Loss Much Smaller Than the Preceding Twelve Months.

Chief Charles Schnibben, of the Wilmington Fire Department, yesterday completed his annual report for the year ended Jan. 1st, 1903, which is the fifth which he has had the pleasure of submitting since the organization of the paid department in this city. The report will be transmitted to the Board of Aldermen at its meeting to-morrow night and will make a very creditable showing in every particular.

Chief Schnibben prefaces the report with the statement that he has endeavored to include all the information that is deemed necessary to give an intelligent idea of the workings of the organization. The number of fires and alarms that have occurred during the year, and the causes thereof, together with the value of buildings, contents, damage, insurance, etc., are very comprehensively set forth.

The total number of alarms during the year was 107—by bell, 78; by telephone, 24; still alarms, 5. The greatest number of alarms was in December, 19, followed closely by February 16, January 14, October 13, and March 9. The smallest number during any month was May, 3.

The class of buildings in which fires occurred was: Frame, 63; brick, 36. Total number of buildings, 98.

Alarms were sent in for various causes during the year as follow: Chimneys burning out, 9; sparks from chimneys, 37; unknown, 3; false alarms, 5; defective chimneys, 3; defective flues, 6; rats and matches, 3; lamp explosions, 7; sparks from fire places, 3; children playing with fire, 2; spontaneous combustion, hot ashes, sparks from smoke stacks, cigarettes, friction, incendiary, heat from boiler, accident, trash burning on stove, smoke stack falling down, smoke blowing down chimney, gasoline lamp explosion, heat from stove and heat from lamp, one each; curtain blowing over gas jet, 3; burning off grass, 2; defective fire place, 3; fire falling down chimney, 3.

Only one fire during the year extended beyond the building in which it originated. The value of buildings where fires occurred was $439,575; value of contents, $381,625. Total value of property at risk, $821,200. The insurance on buildings amounted to $365,245; on contents, $346,450. The total insurance on property on which claim of loss was paid was $711,695. The total loss on buildings during the year amounted to $8,372.93; on contents, $17,426.47. Total, $25,799.40. The loss on buildings not insured was $365; on contents of same class, $3,913.38. The total loss paid by insurance companies during the year was $21,522.02. The amount of fire loss each month was as follows:

	Buildings.	Contents.
January	$1,832.04	$ 1,383 81
February	337 08	206 08
March	366.70	83.76
April	22.30	.....
May	5 00	5 00
June	268 57	208 95
July	28 00	.....
August	75 25	.....
September	10 00	3,543 00
October	218 80	7.50
November	4,761.04	11,938.62
December	448 15	45.75
Total	$8,372.93	$17,426.47

The number of fires and losses during each of the five years Chief Schibben has been in charge were as follows:

	Fires.	Loss.
Dec. 1897 to Dec. 1998	152	$ 23,008.19
" 1898 to Dec. 1899	146	24 947.98
" 1899 to Dec. 1900	147	23,722.53
" 1900 to Dec. 1901	18	29,172.87
Jan. 1901 to Jan. 1902	110	86,663 35
" 1902 to Jan. 1903	107	25,798 40
Total	780	$212,383.32

The equipment of the department consists of one chemical engine, one Button engine, two Silsby engines, two hook and ladder trucks, three hose wagons, thirteen horses, six double sets of harness and one single set of harness.

The value of property used by the department is set forth as follows: Chemical station, $4,500; Hook and Ladder station, 3,500; Engine station No. 1, $4 000; Engine station No. 2, $3,000; Hose Company station No. 3, $3,500; Reserve hook and ladder station, $3,000. Total value of real estate, $19,500. Apparatus, $32,500; hose $4,000; horses, $2,500; harness, $1,000.

Chief Schnibben concludes his report with a roster of men in the service and a brief review of the work during the year. The conclusion is as follows:

ROSTER OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Chief—Charles Schibben.
Assistant Chief—W. P. Monroe.
Supt. of Alarm—W. J. Kerkham.

Chemical Company No. 1—P. N. Fick, foreman; H. L. Kidd, assistant foreman and driver; R. A. Cromwell and W. P. Duncan.

Hook and Ladder Company No. 1—W. P. Monroe, foreman; J. Wannamaker, assistant foreman; A. D. Byrd, driver; W. Kellum, J. M. Kermon, J. P. O'Sullivan, William Runge, laddermen.

Engine Co. No. 1.—B. R. Russell, foreman; John Mohr, assistant foreman; T. B. Jackson, engineer; R. E. Daniels, wagon driver; B. N. Horne, engine driver; W. H. Kermon, W. R. Bonham, J. R. Hardie and J. E. Jeffries, pipemen.

Engine Co. No. 2.—W. A. Canady, foreman; B. F. Swann, assistant foreman; J. B. King, driver; A. J. Burriss, M. H. Bryant and Jno. T. Yates, pipemen.

Hose Co. No. 3.—Louis Fesimuth, foreman; O. L. Kuhl, assistant foreman; E. D. George, driver; E. A. Hughes, J. L. White and J. Harriss, pipemen.

Substitutes—L. A. Justice, A. E. Waltham, Henry Lilgen, Chas. Capps and S. W. Watson.

Water Supply—There was added during the year nine hydrants in the southern part of the city. This has filled a long felt want for protection of this part of the city. We now have 116 hydrants. I wish to tender to Supt. W. F. Robertson and Engineer John Sweeney my sincere thanks for the assistance they have given the department and for the interest they have shown.

Fire Alarm—The fire alarm system is still under the supervision of Mr. W. J. Kirkham, and has been giving general satisfaction during the year.

As to the Men—It is a source of much pleasure for me to bear testimony to the efficiency of the men who compose the department; always ready, never complaining; polite, sober and neat in appearance. I cannot resist the opportunity thus afforded to commend them for their good behavior during the past year, and I am conscious of the fact that the admirable record made by the Fire Department last year could not have been accomplished without the co-operation they have so willingly rendered.

Conclusion—To His Honor, Mayor A. M. Waddell; Mr. W. B. Cooper, chairman of the Fire Committee, and the Board of Aldermen, I desire to return thanks for their generous cooperation in the administration of the affairs of the department. My task has been made exceedingly pleasant by the many kind words received from them, and if my efforts to protect the property of the city from fire during the past year meets with their approbation I shall feel amply repaid.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES SCHNIBBEN, Chief.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Miss Louise Hawley, of Newark, N. J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jos. E. Bunting.

— Mr. Fred R. Mintz, editor of the Southport *Standard*, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. D. C. Horgan, formerly of this city but now of Macon, Ga., is here to spend Sunday with his friend, Mr. B. Oscar Stone.

— Mrs. S. E. Hussey returned home from Maxton yesterday, where she has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. B. Weatherly.

— Mr. W. F. Williams, superintendent of telegraph for the Seaboard Air Line, was a welcome visitor to the city yesterday.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: "Mrs. F. H. T. Horsfield and children arrived yesterday to join her husband, the rector of St. Stephen's church, and are now comfortably at home in the rectory."

— Mr. T. A. Baxter, the popular chief clerk at The Orton, returned yesterday from Ridgeway, N. C., where he was one of the attendants upon the Hawkins-Whitaker marriage last week.

— Col. Walker Taylor, of Gov. Aycock's staff, left yesterday morning for Raleigh to accompany the Governor, Mrs. Aycock and other members of the staff to Pinehurst, N. C., where Mr. Tufts, of Boston, will give a magnificent reception in their honor.

An Aged Lady Dead.

Mrs. Sarah Eliza Bell, an aged and highly respected lady of this city, died yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Joe Jordan, No. 713 Chesnut street. Mrs. Bell was a native of Sampson county, but had lived in Wilmington a long time. She was in the 66th year of her age and leaves many friends and relatives to mourn their loss. The remains, accompanied by members of the family, were taken to Warsaw yesterday evening. The funeral will be held there to-day.

THE FRIES COTTON MILL MERGER.

Options Are Now Beginning to Expire. No Steps for Renewal.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 31.—The option of the Fries Cotton Mill Merger Committee on the Raleigh cotton mill expired to-day. C. G. Latta, president of the mill and a member of the merger committee, said to-night that so far as he knew merger proceedings are still intact. Options are on nearly all principal mills in the South and are for six months from date. Options will now expire rapidly, however, unless there are some steps for renewal taken and none are apparently on foot.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by J. C. Shepard.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.

There will be an Emergent Convocation to-morrow (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock, for work in the Mark Master Degree.
By order of the High Priest.
W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.
feb 1 1t

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All kinds of choice Family Groceries.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

LOW ROUND TRIP

Rates From Wilmington

Mardi-Gras, New Orleans, La., Feb. 18th-24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. Rate, $25.00. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers with Mr. Joseph Richardson, special agent, New Orleans, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th and upon payment of fee of 50 cts. per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained.

Mardi-Gras, Pensacola, Fla., and Mobile, Ala., Feb. 18th to 24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers (personally) with Jos. Richardson, special agent, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th, and upon payment of fee of 50 cents per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained. Rate to Pensacola, $22.45; to Mobile, $23.95.

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Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.
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will be paid for evidence sufficient to convict any one caught molesting or interfering with the sewer system by removing covers to manholes, throwing things in the sewers, or in any other way destroying the property, for which the City Ordinances provide a fine of $50 for each offence. All offenders will be rigorously prosecuted.

The Wilmington Sewerage Co.
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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 1

COTTON IN CUBA.

While Germany, England and France are encouraging the cultivation of cotton in their African possessions with the hope of ultimately becoming independent of this country for their supplies it seems that there is a possibility, perhaps a probability, of a cotton-growing competitor near by, and one that may become more formidable than Africa, even if the expectations of those who are giving their attention to cotton culture in that country be realized.

It has been a matter of some surprise that cotton has never figured among the products of Cuba, although both its climate and soil are admirably adapted to it. While it was known that it could be produced there in abundance and of fine quality and as cheaply if not more cheaply than anywhere else, it never became one of the crops, having been sacrificed to sugar and tobacco, to which the land owners of the island became as much wedded as many of the planters in the cotton belt of the South have to cotton, and for the same reason, probably, that they looked upon these as their money crops. Now, however, since with the production of beet sugar the profits in cane sugar have been so reduced the land owners of Cuba are looking to other crops, one of which is cotton, in reference to which we clip the following from an editorial in the Atlanta *Constitution*:

Just before the American civil war, when cotton was king, the governor general of Cuba established a cotton experiment station near Havana, with a seventy-saw gin. The report of the expert in charge of the investigation was worthy of a descendant of a long line of Spanish golden fleece-hunters. It read like a pipe-dream tale of Inca gold. Senor Hose Maria Dan, the expert in question, officially declared that sea island cotton would produce an average of 500 bolls to the stalk in Cuba, the average weight of lint cotton derived from each boll being 60 grains. He gravely estimated, on this basis, that a caballeria of land (33½ acres), under average conditions, and given average cultivation, would produce 303,719 pounds of lint cotton, worth 10 cents a pound, giving a gross value of $30,371, or an equivalent to $911.13 per acre.

And yet, to-day, Mr. John A. Floyd, an American cotton grower of experience, who has been making thorough experiments with long staple cotton in Cuba, writes the Havana *Post* that he has seen and can show several stalks of cotton with over a thousand bolls each. However, Mr. Floyd, while admitting having seen hundreds of cotton plants in Cuba containing over 500 bolls each, declares that number to be preposterously high as an average. He cites the case of Mr. Truitt, of LaGrange, Ga., who some years ago produced four bales of sea island cotton to the acre in Cuba. An expert in this variety of cotton sent from the United States to investigate the possibilities of the island, recently, reported that in his opinion an average production of cotton of the long staple kind in Cuba would be two bales to the acre. Mr. Floyd quite agrees with him from his own experience, and declares that mere scratching of the soil will produce an average yield of a bale to the acre.

Mr. Floyd concludes that an average acre of Cuban soil, planted in cotton and given intelligent cultivation after improved methods, will yield a net income of from $100 to $150 per year. The planting, he adds, can be done in either June or September, and the plant will produce and mature fruit for at least nine months in the year.

The following quotation from Mr. Floyd's letter to the Havana *Post*, dated January 18, will interest many residents of the cotton belt:

"Sr. Peralta y Melgares, who resides in Guanabacoa, has, with what assistance I have been able to render him, been carrying on experiments in cotton and has planted almost all known varieties. He has about two acres and a half of sea island cotton, planted in September; its bolls are just now beginning to open, which shows with what rapidity sea island cotton matures in this country. In the states short cotton would hardly have matured so rapidly. Many of the stalks in this little farm are actually breaking down under their loads of fruit, and still it is putting on more. It is blooming as industriously as if it was the month of June instead of January."

Mr. Floyd's letter is enthusiastic, but at the same time it seems to be very conservative. There is little doubt but Cuba has a great future in long staple cotton, if she makes the most of her natural blessings. The concluding paragraph of the letter referred to is far from reassuring to the South:

When it is fully realized by the Cubans what a splendid opportunity they have in the extensive production of cotton and they begin to plant millions of acres of idle lands in cotton, producing her several millions of bales each year, the United States will find her a very dangerous rival, and will either be forced to admit her sugar free so as to make it more profitable to raise sugar than to raise cotton, as it formerly was, or to suffer disastrous consequences. It is sure to come. Cuba is the most wonderful cotton producing country on the globe today, and will demonstrate the fact before many years go by.

If Cuba had been under any other government than that of Spain, the probabilities are that cotton culture would long ago have been one of the established industries of the island, but Spain's policy seems not to have been to develop anything in her colonial possessions, but to pull all the taxes possible out of them on things in sight, and as a result she has practically lost them all.

Assuming, to be on the safe side, that there may be some exaggeration in the report of the Spanish expert referred to in the first paragraph of the above extract, it seems to be corroborated to some extent by the reports of what Mr. Truitt, one of the most successful farmers and cotton-growers in Georgia, had accomplished, supplemented by the experience of another American, Mr. Floyd, there can be little doubt of Cuba's ability to enter as a competitor of this country in cotton growing, if she makes a determined effort in that direction. With her marvellously fertile and practically inexhaustible soil, her climate making possible continuous growth and fruitage the year 'round, she has advantages equalled nowhere else on the earth, and with that proximity to our coasts which will give her practically speaking a home market for every pound of cotton she may produce. All she need do is to show the will and the determination to open up this new industry, and if capital and experience be needed she can easily secure these by inviting them to come and showing a disposition to welcome them and co-operate with them.

The tendency in this direction might be checked for a time by liberal recognition of the Cuban sugar planters by this Government that would enable them to continue in the sugar producing business, but if they be forced out of that they will be compelled to turn to something else, and cotton seems to be the most promising and inviting.

But if Cuba becomes a large cotton producer, why not also a great cotton manufacturer and thus become a double competitor of the United States?

SHOVEL OUT THE SURPLUS!

There is a statesman in Washington, in the Senate, who it is needless to say is a Republican, who agrees with Corporal Tanner, of shovelling fame, that the easiest and best way to get rid of a surplus in the Treasury is to shovel it out to pensioners, and to facilitate this he proposes to make every ex-Union soldier over 62 years of age a pensioner, drawing $12 a month. No physical or mental ailments, or other causes that might incapacitate him from self-support—the plea mainly upon which the wholesale system of pensioning has been justified—are necessary, but simply the fact that the soldier has reached the age of 62 years, regardless of condition, whether poor or rich.

The proposer of this new pension grab is Senator Scott, of West Virginia, who first came into prominence as a revenue collector, and now aspires to fame as a revenue squanderer, a surplus exterminator. In his speech in the Senate, a few days ago, in advocacy of that measure, he thus spread himself and dispensed the "balm in Gilead."

In this, our hour of financial triumph, when the oceans touch hands with arms of steel; when every hill and valley is musical with the spirit of our national industry; when the breakers of the sea are bending beneath the burden of our exports; when our surplus is rising higher and higher day after day, until the very bars are bursting with its weight, let us do something else than turn the Union veteran from our door.

When we have gathered the Union veterans from the hedges and highways, when we have provided a balm in Gilead for every one, when each of them shall live by a nation's generosity, as evidence of a nation's gratitude and patriotism, we can fold our arms and looking back upon duty well done, say, as did the Hero of Calvary, "It is finished."

Whether he succeed or not in getting his surplus shovelling bill through, he ought to rest content with the glory achieved in this spurt of asinine oratory climaxed with the unique quotation from the "Hero of Calvary."

But this talk of "turning the veteran from the door," after paying out in pensions over $3,000,000,000, with nearly a million pensioners now on the rolls, and an annual expenditure of about $140,000,000 is the extravagance of idiotic babble. It isn't coal that Scott needs, but ice on his head.

A new industry has been discovered in New York, where four chaps are under arrest for personating tax payers, doing the swearing for them and getting their assessments reduced. They lie and swear to it for a consideration. District Attorney Jerome acted on pointers given to him by the *Herald*, and bagged four of the hustlers who were engaged in that business. He is now satisfied that this thing has been going on for years, and believes that millions of dollars of taxes have been lost by it.

The new Austrian tariff about doubles the duty on some things, especially manufactures. The contention is that the benefits that Austrian industries will derive from this will more than offset the increased cost to consumers. They are borrowing this argument from the American protectionists, but they are more honest than these for they do not pretend that the exporter pays the tax.

Nik Tesla says that some of these days we will be able to communicate with Mars and other planets with the wireless system of telegraphy. If we ever do the system will surely be wireless.

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DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS.

CROWDING AMERICA OUT.

Austria's new tariff largely increases the duties on imports, some of which come principally from this country, and on some of which the increase is nearly double. This is also the case in the new German tariff, the object in both being to check imports from this country. The duties apply, of course, to imports from all countries, but bear most upon this country from which the bulk of the imports come. As far as the language of the acts goes there is no discrimination against this country, but in effect it is discrimination because it affects this country much more than it does others, and was doubtless so intended.

The reason alleged for and the argument used in justification of these increased duties, is that they will help home industries, the same argument used by the advocates of protection in this country for their high protective duties, but it is class legislation there, just as it is here, which entirely loses sight of the enormous burdens put upon the masses of consumers for the benefit of the favored few.

On this side of the water there is objection by high tariff supporters to the high tariffs in those countries because they hurt us, forgetful of the fact that our high tariffs hurt them, and forgetful, also, of the fact that they justify their high tariffs on the very same ground that the protectionists in this country justify their work, the object of which was to keep foreign products out of this country, just as the object of these Austrian and German tariffs is to keep foreign products out of those countries. It will be rough on the consumers in those countries, and it may be rough on us, but we set the pace and we should not make wry faces when offered some of our own soup.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— The Richmond lawyer who has been retained to test the new constitution of Virginia evidently feels that he can give his clients their money's worth by practicing incendiary oratory before friendly mass-meetings.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— A New York man has established an excellent precedent along the lines of cheerful giving. He donated $70,000 to his home town for a public library, and then went right ahead and established a fund of $100,000 for its support. This strikes the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* as a great improvement over the Carnegie system with the string attachment.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— Several agricultural chemists have recently taken up the cudgels for the much abused poor pine lands of the South. While admitting that these "wastes" lack some of the elements of vegetable life, they contend that the deficiency can be economically supplied, and the land be made very productive. According to the theory Virginia is rich in her poor pine lands if she did but know it.—*Richmond Leader, Dem.*

—— In the North the President finds few supporters in the press or among the people, as it is generally recognized that his Southern negro policy is actuated by a desire to ingratiate himself with Afro-American voters in the doubtful States. Theodore Roosevelt is hailed by the National Council of Afro-Americans as the friend of the colored race. That friendship has been won at the cost of great injury to the white people of the South.—*Brooklyn Citizen, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS

— "She's been trying to make a fool of me." "Oh, no. She's too ambitious to attempt any such easy task as that.—*Chicago Post.*

— Dorothy—So Mabel is engaged to marry Cholly! Now what on earth does she see in him? Margaret—Her last chance, probably.—*Judge.*

— "Mary, there's three months' dust in the drawing-room!" "That isn't my fault, mum. You know I've only been here a fortnight."—*Puck.*

—Daughter—Rosa Bonheur could paint all kinds of animals, but not men. Mother—You mean all kinds of animals but men, my dear.—*Judge*

— Harry—You and Tom appear to be the best of friends. Dick—Why shouldn't we be? We never say what we think of each other.—*Boston Transcript.*

— "Is he so ignorant, then?" "Ignorant! Why, say, he's so ignorant and behind the times that they took him on a murder jury in a sensational case."—*Chicago Post.*

—"This," declared the eminent orator, "is the very key to the whole question." "But," interrupted a small man in a rear seat, "where is the keyhole?"—*Judge.*

— First Waiter—Dat man dropped a penny in de we'ghin' machine befo' he went out. Second Waiter—Huh! Ah guess he thought it cheaper to tip de scales den to tip yo'.—*Philadelphia Record.*

— Weary Wraggles—Hey! You won't git notnin' decent in dere. Dem people is vegetarians. Hungry Hank—Is dat right? Weary Wraggles—Yeh, an' dey got a dog w'at aint.—*Puck.*

— Stranger—"Can you direct me to the bank?" Village Urchin—"Can for a quarter." Stranger — "That's pretty steep." Village Urchin—"Well, you can't expect a fellow to be a bank director for nothing."—*New York World.*

— Farmer Harrow—"So, Bill Perkins had ter sell that brindle crow o' his!" Farmer Barnes—"Yes. She'd run like thunder every time she see a railroad train. No use ever expecting to collect damages on that kind of a critter."—*Puck.*

— Fussicus—And what would you say, sir, if I were to tell you you were not a gentleman? Frosticus—I would immediately reach the conclusion that you and I really had more in common than I had thought we had.—*Baltimore American.*

CASTORIA.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Aberdeen *Telegram*: A spiritine plant is now a certainty, with several other things almost assured.

— Dunn *Banner*: Mr. M. R. Allen, of Bunnlevel, informs us that Mr. K rz Grady killed a hog last week weighing 590 pounds.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Hubbard Terrell, colored, is in jail awaiting a hearing before Mayor Eaton at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. He is the negro who has been annoying Miss Ellen Green, who works at the factory of Bailey Bros.

— Durham *Herald*: Early Friday morning Sargeant W. G. Crabtree and Policeman Proctor arrested a negro by the name of Norm Pendergrass, who is wanted in Raleigh on the charge of shooting and seriously wounding a negro woman. The negro was arrested on Sugar Hill. The crime was committed some two years ago and since then the negro has been on the run.

— Wilson *Times*: There is a difference of opinion here as to how the tobacco crop will be pitched. It is understood that some will reduce their crop one-third, while others are figuring on a short crop everywhere else except in Nash county, and are going to plant all they can set out, hoping to coin all the money this Fall and get ahead of all the rest.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Our esteemed townsman Mr. E. A. Poe, in commenting on the recent articles on oil in this vicinity, says that he remembers hearing Rev. John Buie, a well known citizen, telling his father, Mr. Nathan Poe, that while digging a well near the Mile Branch several years after the war he struck a big vein of coal. This goes to bear out the theory that there is oil in and around Fayetteville.

— Statesville *Landmark*: The Imperial Furniture Company of Statesville, the new manufacturing concern to be organized here, has been granted a charter with an authorized capital of $50,000. —— W. W. White, Esq., who keeps a weather record, reports that last year there were 284 days on which no rain fell. His record shows that in 1896 there were 209 dry days; in 1897, 284; in 1898, 271; in 1899, 270; in 1900, 292, and in 1901, 287. —— Mr. Kennerly tells about an egg that was about to be cooked at his house. The skillet had been heated and the lump of grease had floated to one side of the skillet. Mrs. Kennerly broke the egg and when the contents struck the bottom of the skillet she heard something rattle. It was a little egg, with a shell, well formed and complete, inside the larger egg.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: Horses and mules are very high—far too high for our farmers at the present price of cotton and tobacco. Wayne county could easily raise plenty of horses and mules and we have here in Eastern Carolina just as good country as the world affords. —— An accident of a very distressing nature occurred Tuesday night about 9 o'clock at the plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Mill in this city. Mr. H. E. King, the superintendent of the mill, had gone home and left the mill in the charge of his assistant, Mr. E. C. Denmark, who found it necessary to examine the gin on account of a slight irregularity. While at work on the machine he got his right arm caught by the gin saws and had the flesh torn from his hand and arm. Medical aid was summoned and the young man is resting quietly to-day, but it is feared that the arm will have to be amputated. He is the son of Tax Collector Willis A. Denmark.

An Ambidextrous Artist.

Conrad Cook, son of E. W. Cook, R. A., told me that he used to hold the paper while Landseer drew one animal with his right hand and a different animal with his left, writes J. A. Manson in "Sir Edwin Landseer, R. A." This species of dexterity comes from practice no doubt, and is akin to the adroit manipulation of the accomplished pianist, but is nevertheless extraordinary, and several cases are recorded in which Sir Edwin fairly astounded the onlookers by such displays of manual skill.

A Lesson With His Autograph.

An admirer once wrote to Lowell describing his autograph collection and concluding with the remark, "I would be much obliged for your autograph." The reply came, bearing with it a lesson on the correct use of the words "would" and "should," which deeply impressed itself on the mind of the recipient. The response read:

Pray, do not say hereafter, "I would be obliged." If you would be obliged, be obliged and be done with it. Say, "I should be obliged," and oblige yours truly. JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

No Cause For Worry.

Elderly Fiance—I hope you are not impressed by the silly sentimentalists who hold that because you've married once you ought not to marry again!

Pretty Widow—Don't let that worry you, dear; I've no such prejudice. My own dear mother was married three times, and I only hope that in all things I may follow her example.

Choked Him Off.

Kraft—The boss has promised to give me a rise in my salary next week.

Newitt—Sorry, old man, but I can't lend you anything.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 9.
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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THE MAN WITH THE HEART BOWED DOWN.

The sun may glow with a wondrous light
From a sky that is blue and fair;
The thrush may carol a gladsome song
That fills all the soft, sweet air;
But never a glimpse of the sun-kissed sky
Will come to dispel the frown,
Nor will bird-voice gladden the gloomy soul
Of the man with the heart bowed down.

There is no sun and there is no song;
No light through the clouds; no cheer;
No hope or courage; no merry smile;
Each new day is sad and drear;
Life's but existing because one must,
In a world that is sere and brown,
And there is no measure to test the gloom
Of the man with the heart bowed down.

He hates himself and he hates the world;
Every one is his bitter foe;
Mistrusts the people who try to lift
His soul from its depths of woe;
He has no friends, for he is no friend;
He sulks in a sombre gown,
And spreads his sadness where'er he goes—
This man with the heart bowed down.

Adversity marks him for its own;
Friendship will fly his path;
Fortune and Fame will keep aloof;
E'en Love will not brave his wrath;
So you'll ne'er succeed, and you'll have no friends,
And Fortune will never crown
Your work; and the world will brush you by
If you go with the heart bowed down.

There is never a day so wholly dark
But it might be worse, 'tis true,
And the fellow who wins in this busy world
Is the one who doesn't get blue.
So hope—and work—and be kind—and laugh;
And banish the useless frown;
For the world, though big, is too small to hold
The man with the heart bowed down.

—*Colorado Springs Gazette.*

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Thomas' church: First mass 7 A.M; high mass, sermon, 10:30 A.M.; vespers, sermon, 7:45 P. M.

Services at Seamen's Bethel this afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Wells. Public invited.

First Baptist church, Rev. Calvin S Blackwell, D D pastor: 11 A. M "The Father's Faith in Us;" 7:30 P. M., "The Young Man who Left Home."

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sixth and Market, Rev. A. G. Voigt pastor: English services to day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Everybody cordially invited.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison bank building, on Chesnut street: Services this morning at 11 o'clock and at 8 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon, "Spirit." All are invited.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. St. John's church, corner Third and Red Cross streets Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector. Litany, sermon and holy communion, 11 A. M., Sunday school 4 P. M.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley pastor: Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M.; services at 7:30 P. M. Everybody welcome.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, Rev. Dr. Dickinson rector: Morning service and sermon at 11 A. M; Sunday school at 3:30 P. M.; evening service and sermon at 7:45 P. M. Seats free; all cordially welcome.

Brooklyn A. C. Mission, corner Fourth and Bladen streets: Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 10 A. M. Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7:45 P. M. All are welcome. Elder G. C. Minor, pastor.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— The secret of prayer is secret prayer.

— A thoughtful man never speaks all that he knows.

— Read the Bible every day, and you will not forget to pray.

— It is better to please God than to please every man in the world.

— A good word quenches more than a cauldron of water.—*Portuguese proverb.*

— Nothing so much detracts from sermon, prayer and speech as cant phrases of religion. That man is heard who speaks out his own experiences in his own phrases.

— Christian conversion is being converted from sin to holiness through the operation of the spirit and belief in Christ, changed, receiving the spirit of Christ to be like him.—*Mrs. M. A. Jones.*

— It is to men alone, the heirs of a vast and immortal nature, that the gift of loss and deprivation is sent, to bring them, if they will but follow as 'dear children' into the ever presence-chamber of God.—*H. W. Foote.*

— To-day is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole we may not understand; but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know: it is a part of action, not of whining. It is for us to express love in terms of human helpfulness. This we know, for we have learned from sad experience that any other source of life leads to decay and waste. —*David D. Starr.*

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Saleswomen and trained nurses complain much of swollen feet, especially nurses when they first go into hospital service. A powder that is much used in the German army for sifting into the shoes and stockings of infantry soldiers is useful for such cases. It consists of three parts salicylic acid, ten parts starch and eighty-seven parts pulverized soapstone (steatite). This keeps the feet dry, prevents chafing and heals any sore places.

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The dyspeptic may well be represented pictorially as being half masculine and half feminine, and combining the least desirable characteristics of either sex. He has all the stubbornness of the man with the peevish irritability of a sick woman. He's not pleasant company at home or abroad.

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Lava Streams.

It is scientifically reported that the lava streams from Vesuvius in 1858 were so hot twelve years later that steam was issuing from the cracks and crevices, while the lava beds from the eruption of Etna in 1787 were found to be steaming hot just below the top crust as late as 1840. But still more remarkable are the scientific reports of the volcano Jorullo, in Mexico. This sent forth immense streams of lava in 1759. In 1780 the lava beds were examined by a party of scientists, and it was found that a stick thrust into the crevices instantly ignited, although there was no discomfort experienced in walking on the hardened crust. Again some forty years after the eruption it was visited by scientists and reported to be steaming in many places, and even eighty-seven years after the eruption two columns of steaming vapor were found to be issuing from the crevices. Sometimes the upper crust of such a stream of lava cools so that plants and lichens find precarious growth on the surface, while a few feet beneath the lava is almost redhot.

Her Mistake.

Two elderly women and an old man, evident strangers in the city and who were carefully guarding a huge telescope between them, stood in front of the Grand for an hour the other day, waiting for some kind soul to direct them to the residence of a friend they had come to visit. The noise and bustle of the city evidently confused them, and they stood bewildered, not knowing which way to turn. Finally one of the women plucked up courage to address a man who was passing, saying, "Could you tell me where Will Blank lives?"

"Who?" inquired the man.

"Why, Will Blank. He used to live next door to us at Linton, and we have come in to see him."

The man had to acknowledge he had never even heard of Will Blank, and the old lady turned away with a scornful smile, saying, "Oh, I thought perhaps you lived here."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

Baths In Finland.

One of the greatest trials a visitor in Finland has to endure is a Finnish bath. The method of procedure is unique. Divested of outer clothing and attired in a light and airy cotton garment, you are slung in a sort of hammock composed of cord above a large receptacle like the boilers in public laundries. This is almost filled with cold water, into which at the right moment is flung a large redhot brick or piece of iron, which of course causes an overwhelming rush of steam to ascend and almost choke you. Then when that process has gone on sufficiently long you are shaken out of your hammock, immersed in cold water, and after very drastic treatment you resume your raiment, sadder and wiser than before your novel experience.

No Sunset For Five Days.

At the head of the gulf of Bothnia there is a mountain on the summit of which the sun shines perpetually during the five days of June 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23. Every six hours during this season of continual sunshine a steamer leaves Stockholm crowded with visitors anxious to witness the phenomenon. At the same place during winter the sun disappears and is not seen for weeks. Then it comes in sight again for ten, fifteen or twenty minutes, gradually lengthening its stay until finally it stays in sight continuously for upward of 120 hours.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., February 1.

STEAMSHIPS.

Eastry, (Br) 1,924 tons, Horsfield, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Polana, (Br) 1,898 tons, Holttum, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons, Kneeland, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Goldseeker, (Br) 199 tons, Diggdon, J T Riley & Co.
J C Strawbridge, 758 tons, Coombs, George Harriss, Son & Co.
James W, (Br) 150 tons, Murchison, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Estelle, 343 tons, Hutchenson, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Freidig, (Nor) 649 tons, Christophersen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—157 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 50 barrels tar, 47 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—33 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 41 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—455 bales cotton, 76 barrels tar, 4 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—46 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 20 barrels rosin, 2 barrels tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—54 bales cotton, 18 barrels rosin, 90 barrels tar.

Steamer City of Fayetteville—100 bales cotton, 19 barrels tar.

Total—845 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 38 barrels rosin, 276 barrels tar, 54 barrels crude turpentine.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing of the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, January 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 63c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.70 per barrel for strained and $1.75 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.75 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 43@42c; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar quiet at $1.20; crude turpentine firm at $1.35 @2.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	10
Rosin	38
Tar	276
Crude turpentine	54

Receipts same day last year—6 casks spirits turpentine, 17 barrels rosin, 251 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8⅝c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6⅛	cts. ₩ lb
Good ordinary	7⅛	" "
Low middling	8⅛	" "
Middling	8⅝	" "
Good middling	9⅛	" "

Same day last year, market steady at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—845 bales; same day last year, 184.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 20c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 25@30c; springs, 15@20c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12@12½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@4c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Money on call steady, all loans 3 per cent., closing offered at 3 per cent.; time money easier: 60 days, 4@4½ per cent; 90 days, 4½@4½ per cent.; sixmonths 4½ @4½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486 875@487 for demand and at 483.875@484 for sixty days Posted rates 484½ and 487½@488 Commercial bills 483¾. Bar silver 47¾. Mexican dollars 37¾. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds steady. U. S. funding 2's, registered, 109; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 109; U. S. 3's, registered, 107; do. coupon, 107¾; U. S. 4's, new registered, 134¾; do. coupon, 136¾; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 110; do. coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 103; do. coupon, 104¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 117¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 100⅜. Chesapeake & Ohio 51¾; Manhattan L 144¾; New York Central 150¾; Reading 61½; do. 1st preferred 87¾; do. 2nd preferred 74; St. Paul 176¾; do. pref'd, 191; Southern Railway 35¾; do. pref'd 95; Amalgamated Copper 65¾; People's Gas 106¾; Sugar 129¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 63¾; U. S. Leather 13¾; do. pref'd, 80; Western Union 89¾; U. S. Steel 37; do. pref'd 86¾; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 62; sales 200 do. preferred, 122¾; sales — common. Standard Oil, 740@743.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 31.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26¾; do. preferred, bonds, 43¾; fours, 84. Atlantic Coast Line, common 136; do. preferred, unquoted.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Rosin firm. Strained common to good $1 95@2 00. Spirits turpentine firm at 65½@66c.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 31.—Spirits turpentine firm at 61½c bid; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — casks: A,B,C, $1 70; D, $1 70; E, $1 70; F, $1 75 G, $1 85; H, $3 15, I, $3 50; K, $3 00; M, $3 30; N, $3 50; W G, $3 75; W W $4 15.

SAVANNAH, Jan 31.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 62 bid; receipts 107 casks; sales 81 casks; exports 281 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 3 466 barrels; sales 3,467 barrels; exports 6,655 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $1 80 D, $1 80; E, $1 80; F, $1 85; G, $1 95; H, $3 30 I, $3 65; K $3 51; M, $3 35; N, $3 55 W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The cotton market opened at an advance of two to four points, this being a feeble response to the Liverpool cables which were expected to come three to four points lower and came only two and three points lower. The buying was largely by commission houses with the bear contingent inclined to sell in indications of larger receipts next week, but at best it was a small market, with prices soon after the call off to the closing of yesterday. Selling was checked by very favorable accounts from Fall River and from the spot cotton markets at large, the latter indicating a well sustained demand from exporters and spinners. A pressure on to-day's market was a larger estimate as to Monday's receipts at Houston and estimated port receipts to-day, the latter pointing to 32,000 bales against 28,000 last year. Public interest was small, while the more professional contingent showed a disposition to hold off for further indications as to next week's receipts.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Cotton steady at 9 05c; net receipts 50 bales; gross receipts 4,585 bales; stock 162,479 bales.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 9.05c; middling gulf 9 30c; sales — bales.

Futures opened steady and closed very steady. Closing quotations were: February 8.76, March 8.81, April 8.85, May 8.88, June 8.86, July 8.86, August 8.66, September 8.23, October 8.11.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 33,701 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,449 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 25,330 bales; stock 1,018,707 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 33,701 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,449 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 30,561 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5 881,399 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,896,241 bales; exports to France 530,677 bales; exports to the Continent 1,953,041 bales

Jan. 31.—Galveston, quiet at 8 15-16c, net receipts 8,618 bales; Norfolk; steady at 9c, net receipts 2,268 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 9.05c, net receipts 655 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8⅝c, net receipts 842 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 9.30c, net receipts 75 bales; Savannah, steady at 8⅝c, net receipts 3,973 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 8⅞c, net receipts 1,312 bales; Mobile, dull at 8⅝c, net receipts 848 bales; Memphis, firm at 8⅝c, net receipts 1,249 bales; Augusta, quiet at 9 1-16, net receipts 518 bales; Charleston, firm at 8⅝c, net receipts 55 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Flour was dull and easy; Minnesota patents $4 10 @4 30; winter patents $3 65@4 00. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 80⅛c. Options closed quiet and steady at a partial ⅛c net advance. Sales: March closed 82⅛c; May closed 81c; July closed 78c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 59c. Options closed steady and from ⅛c net higher to unchanged: February closed 60⅛c; March closed 57c; May closed 50⅛c; July closed 48⅞c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2, 43c. Options were slow and barely steady: May closed 43c. Lard easy; Western steam $10 15; refined easy; continent 10 30; South American $11 00; compound 7⅛ @7⅝c. Pork dull; family $18 75@ 19 00; short clear $19 00@21 00; mess $18 00@18 50. Tallow steady. city ($2 per package) —c; country 6⅛@6⅝c. Coffee—Spot Rio was quiet; No. 7 invoice 5⅛c; mild easy; Cordova 7@ 11⅝c Rice quiet; domestic, fair to extra 4⅛@6⅝c; Japan nominal. Molasses quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@40c Butter was quoted firm, extra creamery 26c; State dairy 18@25c. Cheese firm, new State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14⅛c; small white, fall made, 14 @14⅛c. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3⅛c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 1 16c; molasses sugar quiet; refined dull, confectioner's $4 60; mould A $5 00; cut loaf $5 35; crushed $5 35; powdered $4 85; granulated $4 75; cubes $5 00. Peanuts steady; fancy hand picked 4⅛ @4⅛c; other domestic 3@4⅛c. Cabbages easy; domestic, per barrel red $1 00@1 25; white 60@7 5c. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12c. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania average best 24@25c Potatoes were steady; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50 @2 00. Cotton seed oil was dull and offered more freely, closing a shade easier. Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 34@34½c; prime summer yellow 40@40½c; off summer yellow 39c; prime white 45c; prime winter yellow 45c; prime meal $27 50@ 28 00, nominal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Trading on the Board of Trade was rather light to day, but after an easy opening wheat closed strong with May a fraction lower. May corn was also a shade lower while oats were unchanged. Provisions were dull and closed steady with May products down 2½c to 5c.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Cash prices. Flour was steady; winter patents $3 60 @3 75; straights $3 30@3 50; spring patents $3 60@3 95; straights $3 10@ 3 50, bakers' $2 45@2 90. Wheat No. 2 spring 74½@77c; No. 3 spring 76¾c; No. 2 red 73¾@74½ Corn—No. 2 43⅜ No. 2 yellow 43⅜c Oat —No. 2 3⅜; No. 2 white —c; No. 3 white 32¾@35, Rye—No. 2 49c. Mess pork, per barrel, $16 50@16 62½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $9 50@ 10 62½. Short rib sides, loose, $8 95@9 15 Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@ 8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 37½ @9 62½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 30.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 January 73¾, 74½, 73¾, 73⅝c; May 77@77⅛, 77¾, 77, 77⅛c; July 73¾@73⅞, 74½ 73¾, 73⅞c. Corn—No. 2 January 45@45⅛, 45¾, 43¾, 43⅜c; May 44⅜@44⅞, 45, 44⅝@44¾, 44¾@44⅞c; July 43⅞, 43⅞@43¾, 43⅛, 43⅞c Oats—No 2, January 33⅜c; May 36⅞, 36⅞, 36⅛@ 36⅞, 36⅛c; July 32⅛, 32⅞, 32⅛ 32⅞ Mess pork, per bbl—January $17 25, 17 25, 17 40, 16 40; May $16 47½, 16 57½, 16 47½, 16 52½; July $16 15, 16 20, 16 12½, 16 20 Lard, per 100 lbs. —January $10 00, 10 00, 9 40, 9 47½; May $9 40, 9 42½, 9 37½, 9 37½; July $9 25, 9 25, 9 20, 9 20 Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $9 00 9 02½, 9 00, 9 00; May $9 12½, 9 17½, 9 10, 9 12½; July $9 02½, 9 05, 8 97½, 9 00.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 31.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices unchanged to two points higher; American middling fair 5.48d; good middling 5.08d; middling 4.88d; low middling 4.76d; good ordinary 4.64d; ordinary 4.52d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,600 bales American. Receipts 18,000 bales, including 16,300 bales American.

Futures opened easier and closed very steady; American middling (g o c) February 4.78d; February and March 4.78d; March and April 4.78d; April and May 4.78@4.79d; May and June 4.79d; June and July 4.79d; July and August 4.79d; August and September 4.69@4.70d; September and October 4.49; October and November 4.39d.

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TIGER! TIGER!

By Elias Lisle .....

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"Just one more," pleaded Squab O'Neill, leaning persuasively over McArdell's bar.

"No, sir," said McArdell emphatically. "You've had one too many already."

This was well within the truth. Since leaving the winter quarters of the Grand Panjandrum Menagerie early that morning the erring Squab had augmented the raging flame of thirst that burned within him by many an onpouring of oil, the fusel oil that comes in five cent whisky. Now his exhilarant soul had risen above that brand. It yearned for the kind that comes at 15 cents a throw. The trouble was that he didn't have the 15 cents.

"Put it on the slate, Mac," he begged. "It's turrible t'irsty work, tiger chasin'."

"Chasing the can," amended McArdell grimly.

"Chasin' the tiger, I said," insisted the other.

"What tiger?" There was a contemptuous tone to the query, and it was with some heat as well as triumph that Squab retorted:

"Salamander—that's wot tiger."

"Yes; that's likely," sneered the saloon man. In truth, nothing seemed less likely than that the undersized, shambling, irresponsible doer of odd jobs about the winter quarters should be engaged in any chase to which Salamander was the other party, for Salamander, once the prize performer of the Grand Panjandrum, had "gone bad" a few weeks before and had gathered to himself (and their fathers) a trainer, his assistant and sundry loose ends of other persons engaged about his cage, such as ears, fingers and once the better part of a forearm. "I guess it's one of your pipes, Squab," continued McArdell.

"You'd never win no spellin' bees by guessin'," returned Squab. "I'm on the job, I am. The boss give it to me special. 'O'Neill,' says he to me, 'you're the only man I'd trust to git him,' he says. 'Say nothin' to nobody,' he says, 'but git him an' bring him back quiet,' says he to me, 'an' your pay check'll be twins at the end of the week,' he says."

"Oh, cut it out!" said McArdell good naturedly. "Salamander's at home in his cage, where he belongs. You'd better get home to yours."

"That's where your brain's softenin'," remarked O'Neill. "But he will be before night. I'm after him, I am."

He marched proudly to the door, opened it and held it open to fling back a parting word.

"When I come back with me tiger under me arm, maybe you'll set up that drink."

Two men who crouched up close to the outer wall looked after him as he disappeared in the gathering darkness.

"Wot's that he said about a loose tiger?" growled one of them under his breath.

"One of the show's beasts escaped prob'ly," answered his companion. "Good thing we got our pops ready," he added, feeling for the handle of a revolver in his pocket.

"Lot of good that'd be ag'in a tiger," said the first, peering fearfully over his shoulder. "Well, he hadn't oughter bother us. We're on the hunt ourselves."

For some minutes they examined the brightly lighted interior of the saloon from the windows. Then they walked in and ordered drinks. Before McArdell and his assistant could fill the order they were looking down the barrels of two revolvers.

"All the cash in the register an' drawer an' a quart of the best!" said the spokesman.

"Well, I'm hanged!" mourned the discomfited McArdell. "This is worse than wandering tigers."

"Shut up an' hustle!" snarled the robber, casting an uneasy glance at the swinging doors.

A few rods outside was a spectacle which would have deeply interested him could he have but seen down the now dark street—Squab O'Neill and a crony, whom he had picked up in a saloon, energetically escorting Salamander homeward. There seemed to be some unwillingness on the part of the great, striped beast, for the two men breathed hard as they pushed and hauled. But where was the ferocity that had made his name a terror to the whole show? Never a snarl, never a growl, never the unsheathing of a claw, as the two half drunken guardians led their charge almost to the door of the saloon. There they halted, and O'Neill spoke:

"You hold him, Aleck, while I take a look."

Tiptoeing to the nearest window, Squab peered in, then clapped a hasty hand over his mouth to hold in a shout of amazement. He had surprised the holdup in full swing, the two robbers covering McArdell and his assistant while they heaped up money on the bar. In two jumps the eavesdropper was back beside the tiger, his teeth chattering with excitement.

"Wh-wh-whisper, Aleck!" he twittered. "Can you roar?"

"Can I roar?" repeated Aleck, who was a convivial soul. "With one more good drink in me I couldn't help but roar."

"Roar, then, like a thousand devils!" hissed Squab. "Salamander an' me is goin' inside. Gimme a hand with him. Now let 'er go!"

In flew the doors, and through them burst a tangled mass of tiger stripes and struggling man. Down to the floor they went with a thunderous crash. There, close locked amid a tornado of flying sawdust, they whirled and thrashed and wrestled, while the air rang hideously with mad roarings, snarlings, howlings, shriekings and yellings.

For one frozen second the quartet in the game of holdup stood like statues. Then a pistol shot perforated a far corner of the ceiling, there was a strangled bellow of terror, and a dark figure dove headforemost through the window, with a mighty crash of glass.

"Wait fer me, Mike!" another voice implored.

There was a second rush, and the glass of another window shattered. Across adjacent fields two gashed faces dripped blood at such intervals as a man may cover in mighty leaps. The holdup was over.

But what did McArdell care? Wedged half way down his dumb waiter, he alternately cursed his girth and the impulse that had led him to that false hope of escape and prayed forgiveness for his profanity with the fervor of a man who momentarily expects a tiger to reach down and bite his head off. Above the din of battle he could hear Tim, his assistant, reciting in a series of frenzied howls a catalogue of horrors to freeze the blood. Tim's voice seemed to come from up stairs, but McArdell couldn't be sure because of the noise of the fight. Would the unequal conflict never end? It seemed impossible that human strength could so long hold out. And now the clamor began to mitigate, then died away until nothing could be heard but a hoarse panting.

"He's getting his wind before he eats poor Squab!" thought the imprisoned saloon keeper. "Then he'll come after me!" a forecast followed by so paralyzing an excess of terror that he lost consciousness for a moment. The voice of Tim brought him back.

"Mr. McArdell! Oh, Mr. McArdell! Where are you?"

"In the dumb waiter shaft."

"Come up. He's dead."

"Of course he's dead. Did you think the tiger was pettin' him, you fool?"

"Of course nothin'. It's the tiger that's dead."

Sheer amaze at the prowess of Squab O'Neill choked McArdell for the moment. Then he called:

"Help me out of this. I'm stuck faster'n a prize onion in a goat's gullet. Get me out, I say!"

By dint of much hauling and struggling McArdell emerged. His first glance fell upon the corpse of Salamander, stretched on the floor. On it sat Squab O'Neill. He was breathing very hard. All about was scattered the money dropped by the robbers in their haste, and Tim was doing the jig of jubilation among it. McArdell staggered over and laid a hand on the striped body of the tiger.

"Squab O'Neill," said he, "speak truth to a man that's feared for his reason. Is that Salamander?"

"It sure is," said Squab.

"Is he dead?"

"Dender'n the ant Noah's elephant stepped on."

"And you're alive?"

"An' dry."

McArdell wabbled over to the bar and took the biggest drink of whisky he had swallowed in ten years.

"Hold hard," said Squab resentfully. "I need that worse'n you do."

"Need nothing," said McArdell—"man that can lick a tiger hand to hand. How'd you ever do it?"

"Well, he didn't fight back much."

"Didn't fight back?"

"No," explained Squab. "He couldn't. You see, he's stuffed!"

"Stuffed!" yelled McArdell. "How could he roar if he was stuffed?"

"I did the roarin'," explained the convivial Aleck, thrusting his head in at the door. "It's t'irsty work, but for a long drink I could roar s'more."

"An' I put in the snarlin' an' growlin'," added Squab. "I didn't go fer to fool you at first, Mac," he added earnestly. "I told you I was sent to get Salamander, though I didn't tell that he died last week and has been at the taxidermer's ever since. So I come back to show you, an' Aleck come along to help, an' when we run into the holdup we done our little act, Salamander an' me, an'," he concluded judicially, "I think it was a sensation. Do we get a drink, the three of us?"

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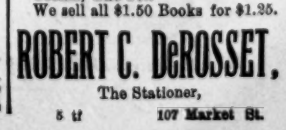

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Important Conference at the White House. Serious Obstructions in the Way of the Treaty's Ratification.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—An important conference was held at the White House to-day, the participants being the President, Secretary Hay and Senator Cullum, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate. The subject under discussion was the status of the Panama canal treaty. The situation with regard to the treaty as it has developed in the Senate is giving the administration and its supporters grave concern. The President is exceedingly anxious that the treaty should be ratified at the earliest possible moment; yet the indications now are that serious obstruction may be placed in the way of ratification.

The conference held to-day was with a view of ascertaining, if possible, what could be done to hasten consideration of the treaty by the Senate. It is quite certain that the advices received by the President are not re-assuring. An effort is to be made to get the treaty out of committee with a favorable report. That the effort will be successful is reasonably certain; but then in its troubles, in the present view of the matter, will only have begun. Senator Morgan, chairman of the Committee on Inter-Oceanic Canals, takes the ground that the negotiations conducted by the State Department with Mr. Herrn, representing Colombia, are not valid, as he holds that Herran did not possess the necessary authority to make a treaty binding upon his country, and it is understood that he will use his utmost efforts to defeat the treaty in its present form. Indeed, the intimation has reached the President that when the treaty is called up for consideration in the Senate, amendments will be offered to almost every section of it. Such action, it is well understood, will seriously delay final action upon it, even if it should not result in the defeat of its ratification. It is stated definitely that any amendment to the treaty would imperil the entire canal project, as the government of Colombia might hesitate to accept amendments made to it, particularly if they involved essential details or principles.

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Thirteenth Annual Reunion Will Be Held in New Orleans Beginning May 19th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, January 31.—General Gordon, commanding the United Confederate Veterans, announces that according to the custom heretofore in force which leaves to the commanding general and the department commanders the fixing of the date of the reunion, the thirteenth annual reunion will be held in the city of New Orleans, La., on May 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1903, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, respectively, those days having been named by the host as satisfactory. With pride the commanding general also announces that 1,490 camps have already joined the association and he hopes that many more will file applications before the reunion.

FIRE AT SACRAMENTO.

Large Department Store Burned--One Man Killed—Others Badly Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., Jan. 31.—The great department store of Weinstock, Lubin & Company was destroyed by fire this morning. Frank Kasebolt, a fireman, was killed by a falling wall. Pritchard had his back broken and will die. Several others were badly injured.

Colonel Wenstock and the company's directors have decided to re-build at once. Meanwhile the debris will be cleared away and temporary warerooms put up. About four hundred people are thrown out of employment. The total loss is probably $500,000, with insurance of $300,000. The building was a four story brick and cement structure and covered a large area.

NEW RAILROAD DEAL.

Proposition for Leasing the St. Louis and San Francisco System.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, Jan 31.—The *Post-Dispatch* to-day is authority for the statement that at the meeting of the board of directors of the St. Louis and San Francisco railway system in New York February 5th a proposition for leasing the road will be passed upon. There are four bidders at this time, the Pennsylvania, the Southern, the Chicago and Northwestern and the Rock Island. According to a local authority heavily interested in the road, the contest has narrowed down to the Pennsylvania and the Southern.

FIFTEEN LIVES LOST.

British Torpedo Boat Destroyer Sunk by the British Cruiser Pioneer.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CORFU, ISLAND OF CORFU, Jan. 31.—British cruiser Pioneer ran into the torpedo boat destroyer Orwell, near the channel of Corfu to-day and fifteen persons were drowned. The Orwell was cut through at the conning tower during the night naval operations and her forepart sank in deep water, taking down fifteen man. Only two bodies have been recovered. The after-part of the Orwell has been towed here.

There were eight deaths yesterday from the plague at Mazatlan. There are forty-four patients in the Lazaretto. The number of houses burned to date is 373. The owners have been indemnified in cash.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore Feet or Stiff Joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. Only 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT A STANDSTILL.

Great Britain, Germany and Italy Reject the Final Proposition of Mr. Bowen.

OUTLOOK FOR RELIEF GLOOMY

France Insists It Shall Not Be Discriminated Against in Settlement of Venezuelan Claims and Instructs Its Representative to Protest.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—It developed to-day that the answers of the allied Powers to Minister Bowen's latest proposition arrived here yesterday, but were not immediately presented to the minister. The answers were to the effect that the allies could not consent that the United States and the other claimant nations receive the same treatment as the blockading Powers, and that they therefore rejected *in toto* Mr. Bowen's final proposition. Knowing the consequences that were to follow the presentation of this answer the representatives of the allies took upon themselves the responsibility of withholding the notes of their governments and of again cabling, urging a retraction of their preferential demand. Exchanges are still in progress between the Italian, British and German embassies, but there is no evidence that the allies intend yielding. If they hold out, their representatives must present the joint refusal and the Washington negotiations will come to a standstill.

Baron Sternberg, Germany's new envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the United States, conferred to-day with Count Quadt, who, as charge d'affaires, has thus far conducted the Venezuelan negotiations for Germany. Afterward the minister called by appointment at the State Department and presented his letters of credence to Secretary Hay, and afterwards to the President. From the White House Baron Sternberg went to the British embassy. Baron Sternberg in his calls at the State Department and the British embassy to-day found the outlook for a relief of the present deadlock exceedingly gloomy, and he has cabled as much to his government.

France Will Make Protest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—During a call to-day of Mr. De Margerie upon Secretary Hay, the fact developed that the French charge has received specific instructions from his government to insist that France shall not be discriminated against in the settlement of the Venezuelan claims. Having the personal assurance of Mr. Bowen that the French claims shall not be discriminated against, Mr. Margerie refrains at present from action; but as soon as he shall be assured by Mr. Bowen that the allies refuse to permit such treatment to the French claims as he expects, he will take steps to lodge a formal protest against the proposed discrimination and in so doing he expects to be joined by the representatives of the other claimant nations here.

Excitement in Caracas.

CARACAS, Jan. 31.—There was much excitement among the foreigners here when it was reported that the allies proposed special treatment to secure the payment of their claims. Americans, Frenchmen and Spaniards met and protested against the carrying out of such an idea, and cable messages were addressed to the governments of the United States, France and Spain, asking for protection of their several rights and that the claims of the petitioners be accorded treatment similar to that given British, German and Italian claims.

News has reached here that a German warship, supposed to be the cruiser Falke, was seen this morning near the bar at Maracaibo. She was taking advantage of the fine weather and was actively engaged in making sounding. She had landed men in her small boats.

Germany's Representative.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Baron Von Sternberg, the special representative of Germany in Venezuelan negotiations, who arrived in Washington last night, was presented to President Roosevelt to-day by Secretary of State Hay. The exchanges were verbal, the President for this occasion waiving the usual preparatory ceremonies and Baron Von Sternberg confined himself to an expression of the Emperor's friendly feeling for the United States and his own gratification at being able to return to America in this capacity. The President responded in a felicitous vein, incidentally expressing the hope that the Baron's coming would result in the settlement of all pending questions, this being an indirect reference to the Venezuelan issue.

Explanation From Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 31. — The apparent hitch in the Venezuelan negotiations at Washington is explained here in the following manner:

Venezuela hypothecated to France some time ago thirteen per cent. of the customs receipts which constitutes a priority claim upon the Venezuelan customs. The blockading powers are quite willing to recognize it in this sense, but President Castro wants it to be understood as constituting part of the thirty per cent. offered to the blockading powers. As the latter would then have only seventeen per cent. left they regard it as inadequate, and hence are not willing to permit the inclusion of France's percentage. It is believed here that the blockade will not be raised until President Castro yields on this point.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. — Minister Bowen, when shown the Associated Press dispatch regarding the explanation given in Berlin of the apparent hitch in the Venezuelan negotiations, said:

"All settled foreign claims are covered by the thirteen per cent. arrangement. The thirty per cent. proposition now offered refers exclusively to unsettled claims which not only the blockading powers but the peaceful powers are pressing for settlement. It is absolutely false that the thirteen per cent. arrangement is included in the thirty per cent. proposition. It is entirely distinct.

"There has been so much conference, discussion and misunderstanding in regard to this question of percentage that I am willing to make this statement."

SCHOONER SUNK.

The Minnehaha, from Charleston for Georgetown—No Lives Lost.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 31.— A special from Georgetown, S. C., says late yesterday afternoon the schooner Minnehaha, about sixty tons, from Charleston, loaded with coal to be delivered to the United States government at North Island, sprung a leak and sank about one mile east of the end of the north jetty at the entrance to Winyaw Bay, about one-seventh mile south of it, in about 26 feet of water at low tide. No lives were lost.

FIRE IN U. S. ASSAY OFFICE.

Building and Apparatus Damaged—Government Employes Saved Millions of Treasure in Their Charge.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Fire broke out to-day in a laboratory on the second floor of the United States assay office, which is next door to the subtreasury, and destroyed a portion of the roof and upper story and some apparatus. Chief Assayer Torry said the loss on the apparatus probably would not exceed $2,000, and that the loss on the building would be nominal. He thought the business of the assay office, which amounted to about seventy-five assays a day, would not be interrupted longer than three or four days. Mr. Torrey believed that nitric acid, which is used in testing bullion, was the cause of the fire. He said it might have eaten into the wooden flue which leads from the glass basins where the gold and silver bars are melted and subjected to chemical action. The flames which were first seen in one of these flues soon got beyond control. An alarm was turned in and the sixty-five government employes in the building hastened to save the millions of treasure in their care. There was about $4,000,000 in bullion in the vaults, and about $1,500,000 lying outside in various parts of the building. The $1,500,000 and about $100,000 in a melted state, as well as the books and accounts, and records, were hastily locked in the vaults. Then the employes hurried out of the building for their own safety.

SUICIDE BY STARVATION.

Death of a Wealthy Inventor and Student of Ocultism in New York City.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 31.—Joseph William Sheppard, a wealthy inventor and student of Ocultism, died here to-day of self-imposed starvation. Sheppard resisted all efforts of his family and physician to induce him to take nourishment and informed the latter that he had no intention of accepting his treatment and that he had only called him in so that his son might be protected in the the event of what he termed his "apparent death."

How long he had been fasting is not known, but his son, with whom he lived, knew that he had for a considerable time refused to take nourishment, in the belief that he would thus bring about a perfection of the spirit. He was 64 years old.

NAVAL PREPARATIONS.

A Large Detachment of Landsmen Ordered to the Training Ship Hartford.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Orders have been issued by the Navy Department for the converted cruiser Prairie, now used as a training ship, which is undergoing repairs at the Norfolk navy yard, to take on a large detachment of landsmen at that port with a view to their immediate transfer to the training ship Hartford, for a course of instruction in naval tactics. The transfer will be made at a convenient port in the West Indies, not yet determined. The Prairie will return to Norfolk with men from the Hartford who have completed the course of instruction with a view to their distribution among warships in commission.

COPPER DISCOVERED

Large Mining Enterprises Projected at Asheville to Develop the Find.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 31.—Copper has been discovered on the upper waters of the Big Ivy Creek and large mining enterprises to develop it have been projected. It is understood that representatives of mining capitalists have taken options on several tracts of land on which the find is located.

WARM WIRELETS.

President Grover Cleveland has been elected vice president of the Princeton Fish and Game Protective Association.

A London dispatch says: Lieutenant General Miles will go to Windsor to-day and dine and sleep at the castle by the King's special desire.

The executive committee of the Southern Golf Association met in Chattanooga yesterday and decided to hold the tournament in Asheville, N. C., May 20th-23rd inclusive.

The freight steamer Gulf Stream, of the Clyde Line, from New York for Philadelphia, which went aground on a sand bar near Avalon, N. J., is a total loss. She has broken in two and is full of water.

The Countess De Castellane, arrived at Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday morning in the private car Dixie. She was accompanied by her two children and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. C. Hoyt, of New York. The party left at night for Palm Beach, where they have engaged quarters for a brief stay.

The wrestling bout at Madison Square Garden last night, between Tom Jenkins, the world's champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, and John Piening, "the butcher boy," ended in a draw. The men were on the mat practically from 9:30 until midnight, when the police declared the bout at an end.

The weekly statement of averages of the associated banks shows: Loans $906,510,700, increase $14,062,600; deposits $931,778,900, increase $18,966,800; circulation $45,184,900, decrease $329,500; legal tenders $78,153,500, increase $705,500; specie $182,672,000, increase $5,502,000; reserves $260,825,000, increase $6,206,500.

Secretary Moody was the host at a dinner last night at the New Willard in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, covers being laid for thirty. The occassion marked an innovation in cabinet functions, a detachment of marines in full dress uniform being stationed in and about the hotel during the dinner.

TRYING TO BUY WARSHIPS.

Agents of German Government Propose the Purchase of Chilian Vessels.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SANTIAGO, CHILI, Jan. 31.—Private agents of Germany have proposed to the government the immediate purchase of the Chilian battleship Capitan Prat and the armored cruiser Esmeralda, and have offered to take over the battleships now being built in Europe for Chili.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

SENATE PASSED THE STAFF BILL.

An Amendment Provides for Retirement of Officers Who Served in Civil War.

STATUARY HALL EXERCISES.

Acceptance of Statues of Charles Carroll and John Hanson from the State of Maryland — Postoffice Appropriations in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The greater part of the time of the Senate to-day was devoted to exercises in connection with the acceptance from the State of Maryland of statues of Charles Carroll and John Hanson, which will henceforth stand in Statuary Hall at the National capital.

The Statehood bill was not considered but it holds its place on the calendar.

Among the speakers in the Maryland statue exercises were Senators Depew and Bacon. Mr. Depew said the time would come when the only persons connected with the civil war who would be remembered were Lincoln, Grant and Lee.

Mr. Bacon supplied the place of Mr. Daniel, who had been requested to speak. He said that not only now but at all times had the people of the Southern States which were included in the thirteen colonies been loyal to the principles enunciated by the Declaration of Independence. He suggested that in addition to Statuary Hall there should be a "hall for the immortals," and said that such a hall should contain statues of all the framers and signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Senate adjourned until Monday.

The Senate to-day passed the House bill providing for the creation of a general staff of the army and added as an amendment the bill providing for the retirement with increased rank of officers who served in the civil war. The amendment is in the words of the retirement bill as it was recently reported by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. The text of the staff bill proper was not changed, except that an amendment was added, providing that it shall not go into effect until August 15th next. That is the date of General Miles, retirement, and the amendment was made in deference to his opposition to the measure. The bill already had passed the House, and but for a notice by Senator Berry that he would ask to have the vote by which the bill was passed reconsidered, it would now go to conference.

House of Representatives.

When the House re-convened this morning at 10:30 o'clock it was still the legislative day of Friday, and the consideration of the Claims bill, favorably acted upon in Committee of the Whole, was proceeded with. There was not a quorum present and the situation was at the mercy of Mr. Payne, the floor leader. He allowed the bills to which he was not opposed to be passed, but every one to which he raised objection was laid aside. Thirty-two of the bills were passed. It then was agreed by unanimous consent that the remaining thirteen should be considered next Tuesday. Then at 11 o'clock, the House adjourned until 12 noon.

After three hours of general debate upon the Postoffice Appropriation bill, which was made notable by a speech in favor of tariff reform by Mr. Williams, of Mississippi, who is a candidate for the Democratic leadership of the next House, the House to-day suspended public business and listened to an address on the life and public service of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and John Hanson, the signers of the Declaration of Independence, whose statutes have been erected by the State of Maryland in Statuary Hall.

During the debate on the Postoffice Appropriation bill, Mr. Pou, North Carolina, discussed the trust question, arguing that the bill of the Judiciary Committee was inadequate.

The death of the late Representative Crumpie, which occurred this morning, in Chicago, was announced, the the usual resolutions were adopted and a committee was appointed to attend the funeral. Then as a further remark of respect, the House adjourned until to-morrow when a memorial session will be held to pay tribute to the late Senator McMillan, of Michigan.

RUSH ORDERS ISSUED.

To Ship 100,000 Krag Rifles to Arsenals Over the Country.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Jan. 31.—Orders have been received at the United States armory here to rush the shipment of one hundred thousand Krag rifles to arsenals over the country. The original cause of the order was the passage of the militia bill, but the rush feature of the order apparently has a special cause.

The house of D. Nolan, negro mill hand at Kingsland, Ark., was burned yesterday. After the fire Nolan's daughter's body was found in the ruins of the house. Her head had been cut off with an axe. Her mother was found some distance from the house, unconscious from a gash in her head. Nolan is under arrest.

Casting Sleighbells.

A question frequently asked is in regard to the method of producing sleighbells containing iron balls larger than the opening in the bells. Previous to making a cast the maker of sleighbells puts an iron ball inside a sand core, just the shape of the inside of the bell. This sand core, with the jinglet inside, is placed in the mold of the outside and the melted metal poured in, which fills up the space between the core and mold. The hot metal burns the core so that it can be shaken out, leaving the ball within the shell. Ball valves, swivel joints and many other articles are cast in the same manner.

Siam's Royal Palace.

One of the most remarkable buildings in the world is the palace of the king of Siam. It is inclosed in dazzlingly white walls over a mile in circumference. Within these walls are temples, public offices, seraglios, stable for the sacred elephant, accommodation for 1,000 troops, cavalry, war elephants and an arsenal. There is also a very fine theater, where English, French and German companies frequently perform before the royal household. The king himself is extremely fond of theatricals.

Anway's Croup Syrup is the only certain and safe cure for Croup, Coughs and Colds in babies. It is pleasant to give and must not be confounded with the cure all cough remedies. Anways is for babies. 25 cts. at Robt. R. Bellamy's. †

You can buy Shoes for Men most anywhere, but there is only one store in Wilmington where you can buy the celebrated HANAN SHOE, that's

$5.00 AND $6.00

SOLOMON'S SHOE STORE.

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How She Made a Profit.

In Paris a gentleman who is very fond of fine paintings bought for 15,000 francs a work entitled "The Bride of Abydos" and was congratulating himself on becoming its possessor when he suddenly remembered that his wife disliked very much to see him spend his money in this manner.

"How can I avoid a scene?" he asked himself. "If I say that the painting cost 15,000 francs, there will be an awful time, and so I'd better say 7,000. No; I'll say 4,000."

By this time he had reached home, and when he saw his wife he told her unblushingly that he had just secured a beautiful work of art for the nominal sum of 3,000 francs. At this good news she seemed more disconcerted than pleased, but said nothing, and the painting was hung up.

Next day the gentleman was obliged to go to the south of France, and when he returned after a week's absence his wife met him with a beaming countenance and said: "I've done a good stroke of business while you were away. You know that painting you bought for 3,000 francs? Well, I sold it yesterday for 4,500, a clear profit of 1,500 francs!"

Hard Lessons In Good Manners.

School chaff is wholesome in most cases, but it may cramp what should not be cramped. As to the chaff which a man gives and gets at a university, however, we do not think there can be two opinions. It must do good, and it has not the opportunity of doing harm. Only those receive it who lay themselves open to receive it. The quiet man who wishes to read or to think apart need hardly ever come into contact with his fellows unless he so chooses. The swaggering or bumptious man, the opinionated man, the offensive man—these are certain to be chaffed, and the chaff usually goes home; not at once perhaps, but it usually gets there in the end with satisfactory consequences. The personal remark may be rude, but rudeness is often a very salutary weapon. It is certainly one of the most valuable instruments of English education. Indeed it may seem a strange thing to say, but it is surely true that continued experience of calculated, formularized and well intentioned rudeness teaches people to be polite.—London Spectator.

Shifting the Responsibility.

An Irishman who traded in small wares kept a donkey cart, with which he visited the different villages. On one occasion he came to a bridge where a toll was levied.

He found to his disappointment he had not enough money to pay it.

A bright thought struck him. He unharnessed the donkey and put it into the cart. Then, getting between the shafts himself, he pulled the cart with the donkey standing in it on to the bridge.

In due course he was hailed by the toll collector.

"Hey, man!" cried the latter. "Whaur's your toll?"

"Begorra," said the Irishman, "just ask the droiver."

Ted and the Text.

The golden text for a certain Sunday school was. "And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit" (Luke ii, 40).

Little Ted's hand went up like a flash when the superintendent asked: "Can any of these bright, smiling little boys or girls repeat the golden text for today? Ah, how glad it makes my heart to see so many little hands go up! Teddy, my boy, you may repeat it, and speak good and loud that all may hear."

And they all heard this: "And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit like 2:40."

A Well Satisfied Girl.

At an old fashioned revival meeting the minister approached Minnie, who was only ten years old, and urged her to go forward to the "mourners' bench" for prayers, as many of her young friends had done.

"No, thank you," said Minnie, holding back.

"But why?" questioned the minister. "Don't you want to be born again?"

"No," replied Minnie. "I'm afraid I might be born a boy next time!"—Brooklyn Life.

A Striking Similarity.

Bachley—Why is a woman like time?

Benedict—Because she never fails to get her man in the end.

Bachley—No; because she reveals all things.—Exchange.

A WORD TO THE WISE

THE MORNING STAR Business Locals Column offers the best, cheapest and surest means of getting quick returns on advertisements for—

Help Wanted,
Situations Wanted,
Boarders Wanted,
Rooms For Rent,
Houses For Rent,
Houses For Sale,
Property For Sale,
Lost, Found,
Strayed, Stolen,
Etc., Etc., Etc.

One cent per word each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the next General Assembly for the passage of an Act granting a charter to the Elizabeth City and Carolina Through Line Railroad Co., (or other name suggested at time of making application) to build a railroad from Wilmington, N. C., to Elizabeth City, N. C.

January 1st, 1903.

jan 2 1m ROBERT G. GRADY.

We have on hand a fresh shipment of

WILEY'S CANDIES,

THE BEST MADE.

HARDIN'S

Palace Pharmacy,

126 South Front Street.

jan 1 tf Call both 'Phones 55.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ Notices For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

A Bazaar will be held in Hibernian Hall Wednesday evening February 4th, for the benefit of St. Thomas' Church. Refreshments will be served. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

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Portraits finished for agents, photographers, merchants, in crayon, pastel, sepia; good work; prompt service; write for price list. Hyde Art Co., 479 Wells street, Chicago

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Irregular and sample distributors wanted everywhere. No canvassing. Good pay. Co-operative Adv. Co., N. Y. feb 1 1t

Wilmington, N. C., January 30th. The directors and lady superintendents of The United Charities Association are expected to meet at Chestnut street Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, February 4th, 1903, at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. F. A. Merrick, President; C. E. Davis, Secretary. feb 1 1t

For Rent—A good drug store and a complete set of drug fixtures for rent or sale cheap, northwest corner Fifth and Castle streets. Apply to J. G. Wright & Son. jan 30 6t

To Exchange—I have a fine deer dog which I wish to exchange for a first-class opossum and coon dog. Address, John G. Wagner, care F. W. Ortmann, Wilmington, N. C. jan 29 6t

Call at Winstead's for all kinds of foreign and domestic fruit; Bananas a specialty. No. 215 Market and 215 North Front street. Bell Phones 203 and 687. oc 29 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs and Furniture repaired, cleaned and varnished; Upholstering done also. H. J. Grunman's headquarters for Wall Paper. J. S. Farrar, No. 104 North Second street. my 14 tf

J. W Murchison & Co.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

HARDWARE,

No. 109 and 111 North Front St.,

Wilmington, N. C.

Hardware of every description at the very closest prices. We buy in car load lots and can sell cheaper than those who buy in smaller quantities

Complete line of Agricultural Implements and Mechanics' Tools. We can sell you from a Tack Hammer to a Steam Engine, and from a Plow Point to the latest improved Farming Machinery.

Fine stock of Cutlery, Guns, Pistols and Sporting Goods. Loaded Shells with Black or Smokeless Powder, Hunting Suits, Game Bags, etc.

Cook ng Stoves and Steel Ranges from the largest to the smallest in size as well as price. Tinware, Agate Ware and Wooden Ware, Buckets or the well and domestic purposes. Plows, Harrows, Sweeps, Hoes, Shovels and Spades at prices to suit the farmer. Knives and Forks, Cutlery, etc. Cart Axles, Boxes Collars and Hames, Trace Chains, Back-bands and everything used on a well regulated farm.

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Seed Potatoes

JANUARY ARRIVAL.

EARLY ROSE,

WHITE BLISS,

POLARIS, BOYER.

All early varieties and adapted to this soil and climate.

Spring Oats, Wheat.

Book your orders.

THE WORTH CO.,

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Endowed with two eyes I have endeavored (and shall continue) to keep one on you and the other on the business. Knowing, as I do, what is necessary to make that house of yours comfortable, I have selected my stock accordingly.

GASTON D. PHARES & CO.,

The Furniture Man.

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It is for you to say

If you know what first class goods are, as to quality and style. After seeing my line call and judge for yourself.

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THE JEWELER,

27 South Front St.

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Baugh's Pure Animal Bone Goods.

Acid Phosphate,
Kainit, Nitrate Soda,
Muriate Potash, Fish Scrap.

HALL & PEARSALL.

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SEED POTATOES

225 Bags E. R. Potatoes.
189 Bags Ohio Potatoes,
150 Bags Bliss (en route).
218 Barrels Mullets.
220 Gross Globe Matches.
190 Gross Coast Matches.
240 Gross Atlantic Matches.
160 Gross Little Star Matches,
1 Gross Matches, free with 10.

W. B. COOPER,

Wholesale Grocer,

jan 13 tf Wilmington, N. C.

STORE CLOSED MONDAY

To mark down and arrange stock to be ready Tuesday A. M., at 9 o'clock for the sharpest swiftest sale of the season at

G. O. GAYLORD'S BIG RACKET STORE,

On Front Street Near Postoffice.

Cut prices, mark down prices, thousands of dollars worth of new goods for this sale. Not only Fall Goods but everything in the Store marked down for this sale.

Our large circulars will be distributed by our men Monday, and the sale will begin Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The great stock of Men's Clothing is the first thing on the list—in many cases half price and sometimes less. Three thousand pairs Men's Pants come next: $1.25 for 79c $1.75 for $1.29, $3.00 for $2.63, $4.50 for $3.50, $5.50 for $4.38. We have about 35 Overcoats that we will sell from $2.50 up. We have 30 men's rubber lined heavy rain y day coats that are worth $1.75, now 99c. Some splendid Boys' Pants that are worth 75c, now 49c. Big line of Men's Sample Hats—stock all bunched to sell at one price—Hats cost $1.25 and $1.75 wholesale, will sell for $1.00 apiece to close out and suit our customers.

This sale means business in our Clothing Department and we mean to close out our stock to make room for Spring Goods.

This Great Clothing Sale means cash. You have about 3,000 Suits to select from. Everything marked down. Everything sold as advertised; nothing held in reserve.

Our New York buyers have bought us lots of jobs, as advertised in our circulars, and we will have them on sale for you. Come and save money.

Special job in Silks, in all colors. Pongee Silk, worth 50c in some stores, this sale 25c.

Splendid Taffetas, standard 50c values, this sale moves them for 38c.

Yard wide heavy Black Taffetta, regularly advertised for $1.25, on sale now at 89c.

Five hundred Ladies' Hats, all new styles and new goods, worth from 50c to 75c apiece; your choice for 20c.

No. 40 Taffetta Ribbon, in all colors, the lowest price ever sold 15c, now for 10c.

No. 80, regular 20c quality, now on sale at 14c, while this sale lasts.

A big drive in ladies' Shoes, cleaning them up; 125 pairs; hand-sewed; fine quality; worth from $2.50 to $3.00; this sale every pair 99c. A lot of small sizes in odds and ends, strictly good quality, less than half price, for not $3, but 83c a pair.

A drive in Women's Heavy Shoes Pebble, Polkas, glove grand case solid Shoes, cheap at $1.00 now for 79c. A line of ladies Shoes, new goods, worth from $1.25 to $2.25 a pair. To move them this sale will be 88c.

A special drive in odds and ends for 48c. and still another lot for 33c.

A big drive in window shades, rollers and brackets for 9c. each. Opaque linen shades with springs, standard 35c. value, this sale 24c.

1,000 y'ds standard Batiste for Spring in pretty colors, short pieces worth 10c. by the piece, 10 or 12 y'ds in a piece, for 5c. a yard.

8 quart milk bucket for 9c.

25 cents rim stove pans for 9c. each.

15c basins for 10c.

3,000 y'ds Checked Homespun for 4½c.

800 yards shirting for 3½c.

The prettiest Spring Calicoes and best quality for 4½c.

Remember the store will be closed Monday and every thing will be marked down and made ready for the great sale which begins Tuesday morning promptly at 9 o'clock. Last one week only. Will close the following Saturday night at 12 o'clock.

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Handsome Mercerized goods. Broadcloth to match.

Laces of all the newest designs and Insertions.

All-over Laces in white and cream effects.

All-over Embroideries to match.

Appique Trimmings, Medallions, Chantilly Insertions, tucked; Mouseline and Lace insertions.

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New Linens for Suitings and trimmings.

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We now have the leading line of Corsets for the coming season: New Mattings, Oilcloths, Shades, Carpets, Rugs, Lace Curtains of all descriptions. Draperies, Fancy Linens for Tablewear, Chiffon Ruffs for Neckwear; Lace Collars.

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New Patterns have arrived in Buttericks.

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